

Babatunde Oladapo **Executive Secretary,** **WATAF**



Babatunde is a Chartered Tax Practitioner. His over twenty years career as a tax administrator at the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Nigeria has taken him through the field office tax operations, taxpayers' relationship management and development of the corporate communications function of the Nigerian national tax authority.

He is the pioneer Executive Secretary of the West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF), where he oversees the day-to-day administration of the Forum's secretariat operations. Under his watch, WATAF has grown to become a voice to listen to at international fora on matters relating to tax administration in West Africa.

Aside from other interests, he is a consummate public speaker and a lover of the outdoors, whose professional calling cuts across the field of public relations, journalism, personnel management and recently, humanitarian and refugee studies.

Bill Dodwell
Tax Director, Office of Tax
Simplification, United
Kingdom



Bill Dodwell was appointed Tax Director of the Office of Tax Simplification in January 2019. The Office is the independent adviser to the UK government on tax simplification.

Mr Dodwell was head of Tax Policy at Deloitte UK from 2005-18. He is a past president of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, where he also chaired their technical committee for six years. He has represented the CIOT and Deloitte at several UK parliamentary committees and also at the European Parliament.

Mr Dodwell has law degrees from King's College, London and Queens' College Cambridge. He is a chartered tax adviser and chartered accountant.

D.R.S. Hapuarachchi
Deputy Commissioner
General - Tax Policy,
Legislation and
International Affairs
Secretariat, Inland
Revenue Department, Sri
Lanka



Mr D.R.S. Hapuarachchi has worked for Sri Lanka's Inland Revenue Department for 34 years. He has experience with tax policy matters and legislative work, interpretations and clarifications, international relations and coordinating and working with local institutions, competent authorities of tax administrations of treaty partnering countries and other overseas bodies on tax related matters. He also has been involved with the training of IRD officers, taxpayer education and awareness programs and seminars, and the supervision on tax appeals determinations and reasons for determinations.

Mr Hapuarachchi hold a Master's Degree in Taxation Policy and Management from the Keio University, Japan.

Daniel Trnka
Deputy Head, Regulatory
Policy Division, Public
Governance Directorate
OECD



Daniel Trnka works as a Deputy Head of the Regulatory Policy Division of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), leading the Regulatory Management and Delivery Team.

Mr Trnka has been working in the area of public administration reform and regulatory reform for more than 20 years both at the national as well as the international level. Before joining the OECD, he worked as Director of the Department of Regulatory Reform and Public Administration Quality of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic. His main areas of expertise are administrative simplification, regulatory impact assessment, stakeholder engagement and regulatory enforcement and inspections.

He is the author or co-author of several OECD publications, including the *Recommendation of the OECD Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance*; *Cutting Red Tape: Why Is Administrative Simplification So Complicated?*; *OECD Best Practice Principles for Regulatory Enforcement and Inspections*; *OECD Best Practice Principles on Regulatory Impact Assessment*; *Administrative Simplification Reviews of Poland and Vietnam*; *Regulatory Policy Review of Mexico, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Slovenia and Croatia*, *Measuring and Reducing Administrative Burdens in Greece* etc.

Debra Adams
Division Chief, Revenue
Administration Division 1,
Fiscal Affairs Department,
International Monetary
Fund



Debra, a British citizen, is the Division Chief in the Revenue Administration Division 1 of the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD). Debra has been with FAD for 15 years and oversees the IMF's revenue administration capacity development programs across the Asia, Pacific, Europe, Central Asia, and Middle East regions.

Debra has accumulated over 38 years of revenue administration experience. Before joining the IMF headquarters, Debra was the IMF's regional revenue administration advisor based in Nepal, supporting Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Nepal to implement their tax reforms. Earlier, she spent two years with the IMF's Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Center, assisting Caribbean countries to implement VAT.

Debra started her career as a tax official with the UK's HM Customs & Excise, followed by a period with PricewaterhouseCoopers, undertaking business tax consulting and supporting countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East to implement their major revenue administration reform projects.

Debra obtained her Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School in 2004.

Deepika Mittal

CIT (CPC-TDS), Income Tax Department, India



Deepika Mittal is a law graduate and joined the Indian Revenue Service as part of the Income Tax Department in 1994. During her career spanning for more than 27 years, she has handled both enforcement and appellate functions, the core functions of the Department. In addition, she did stints in the division of Tax Policy and Legislation and Directorate of System of the Central Board of Direct Taxes. As part of Tax Policy and Legislation, she was involved in framing tax policy and drafting legislation to implement the policy. As part of Directorate of System she was involved with the implementation of the Tax Information Network (TIN) which was one of the earliest initiatives of CBDT in use of technology in simplifying tax systems.

Outside of the Income Tax Department she had a stint with the Unique Identity Authority of India (UIDAI) also where she worked on the Aadhaar project of the Government of India and was involved in putting in place the legal framework for the Aadhaar Project.

Currently she is back in the Directorate of System and is leading the Centralized Processing Cell responsible for streamlining of withholding tax administration.

Essa Jallow
Deputy Commissioner
General & Head of
Domestic Taxes, Gambia
Revenue Authority



Mr Essa Jallow has spent 14 years in tax administration serving as Deputy Director Policy, Planning & Research, Director of Technical Services, Commissioner of Domestic Taxes and currently Deputy Commissioner General and Head of Domestic Taxes during this period.

He gained a BA in Economics from St. Mary's University Extension Program, The Gambia in 1999 and an MA in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University in India in 2007.

Geoff Trueman

Assistant Commissioner of the Legislative Policy and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Canada Revenue Agency



Geoff Trueman was appointed Assistant Commissioner of the Legislative Policy and Regulatory Affairs Branch at the Canada Revenue Agency in 2015.

He has also been representing the CRA on the OECD Committee of Fiscal Affairs/Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (IF-BEPS) since 2017 and has been the Canadian delegate for CATA since 2019.

Prior to his appointment at the Canada Revenue Agency, Geoff was General Director of the Tax Policy Branch at the Department of Finance since 2013.

Geoff began his career with the Government of Canada in 1992 when he joined the Department of Finance. Since that time, he has held a number of increasingly senior positions at the Department, as an economist and as an executive, in the areas of personal, sales and business taxation, including a two-year deployment to the European Commission in Brussels.

Goran Todorov **Managing Director, Data** **Tech International**



Goran Todorov is the Managing Director of Data Tech International from Belgrade, Serbia, and a global consultant for legal and technical certification of invoicing systems, advising on implementation and certification of sales data controller systems.

Goran has collaborated with many tax authorities to introduce remote audit of sales receipts and invoices. This was a technological innovation that triggered online cash register movement worldwide. He was awarded with several contracts to write legislation and manage fiscalization projects for Ethiopia, Rwanda, Fiji, Samoa, Serbia.

He is actively conducting research on the advancement of fiscal device technology development and has published few papers describing design of digital invoicing solution (DICE) for preventing MTIC and VAT frauds between jurisdictions.

Hishamudin Mohamed

Director, Corporate Services Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia



Hishamudin Mohamed has been serving the IRBM for over 30 years in various capacities. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree with Honours from the National University of Malaysia in 1988.

Hishamudin started his career as an Assistant Director in 1991, working at numerous branches for over 11 years before being given a bigger responsibility to perform in the Corporate Services Division at the Head Office. Following his 3-year tenure at the Corporate Services Division, Hishamudin was then promoted to Principal Assistant Director serving in the Northern Branch before assuming the role of Branch Director at 2 main branches located in East Malaysia till 2015.

Prior to his current position, Hishamudin was assigned a greater task to lead a major branch in Kuala Lumpur till October 2018. His vast years of experience in dealing with branch operational challenges established his ascension to the post of State Director for the Northern Region of Peninsular Malaysia from November 2018 till end of December 2019.

From 2020 till the present, Hishamudin executes important roles and responsibilities as the Corporate Services Department Director at the Head Office. He oversees the entire organisational services operation and the key components incorporated in the media and public relations, tax education and advisory capacity as well as customer communication via the IRBM HASiL Call Centre. He also attended the Strategic Branding and Leadership Program organised by Oxford University in 2019.

In April 2021, Hishamudin was awarded a Certificate of Completion for Strategic Leadership in Enhancing Personal Effectiveness from the Harvard Kennedy School, Executive Education, Harvard University. He also served as a panel speaker in a Global Government Forum held on 21 September 2021 discussing the topic of 'Tax Collection In The Digital Age'.

James Odong
Assistant Commissioner,
Enterprise Architecture -
Information Technology
Department, Uganda
Revenue Authority



Mr Odong has over 20 years' experience in tax administration, six of which have been spent at mid to senior-level leadership at URA. As the head of the newly established Enterprise Architecture division, he is responsible for managing the development and implementation of business processes across the organization and continuously improving them.

As part of Government's five-year strategy on Domestic Revenue Mobilization Strategy (2019/20 - 2023/24), he is tasked with the implementation of key initiatives namely the Digital Tracking Solution, Electronic Fiscal Receipting and Invoicing System and an enhanced eTAX system.

Mr Odong trained in Tax and Revenue Administration and holds a Master's Degree in Management Studies from the Uganda Management Institute.

Jeffrey Owens

Director, WU Global Tax Policy Center (WU GTPC)



Jeffrey Owens completed his doctoral work at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom in 1973. In addition to his economic degrees, he is a qualified accountant.

For over 20 years, Jeffrey led the OECD tax work, and now he is the Director of the WU Global Tax Policy Center (WU GTPC) at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, Vienna University of Economics and Business (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, WU). He also serves as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Global Vice Chair of Tax at EY, and as a Senior Advisor to the United Nations Tax Committee, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and UNCTAD and a number of regional tax administration organizations as well as being involved with a number of NGOs.

Justin Zake **Unit Chief, TADAT** **Secretariat**



Justin Zake is the Unit Chief, TADAT Secretariat, based in the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund.

Justin has over 30 years of experience in revenue administration operations and technical assistance delivery at the Uganda Ministry of Finance in Uganda, Uganda Revenue Authority and the International Monetary Fund. He has been a member of and also led capacity development missions to various countries around the world.

Justin holds a Master of Business degree from the Western Australian Institute of Technology (now Curtin University) and a B. Com accountancy degree from Makerere University, Uganda.

Louisa Lewis-Ward Revenue Commissioner, Barbados Revenue Authority



Louisa Lewis-Ward is the Revenue Commissioner of the Barbados Revenue Authority. Prior to joining the Authority, Louisa was a Tax Partner and Head of Tax with KPMG, and prior to that a Tax Partner with PwC.

Her professional history includes membership on the Tax Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados (ICAB), as a trustee of the Barbados International Business Association (BIBA) Charity, membership on the BIBA Tax Task Force and past council membership for the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI).

She holds a degree in Finance and Accounting from the University of Salford, UK and a Masters in Accounting with emphasis on taxation from the University of Florida at Gainesville USA. She is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) and a practicing member of the Institutes of Chartered Accountants in both Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

Marcio Verdi **Executive Secretary, The** **Inter-American Center of** **Tax Administrations (CIAT)**



Marcio Verdi is an economist and a former tax auditor at the Federal Revenue Service of Brazil.

In 2009, he was selected through an international public convocation process to occupy the position of CIAT Executive Secretary, from January 1, 2010.

He has specializations in International Economics and Advanced Quantitative Methods from the University of Brasilia, (UnB). He has a Postgraduate Degree in Theory and Operation of a Modern Economy from George Washington, University - GWU of the Institute of Brazilian Business and Public Management Issues, Washington, D.C. USES.

He is a specialist in the preparation and evaluation of public service concession projects at the State University of New York, New York, USA; and specialist in analysis and negotiation of strategic alternative projects for the development of the infrastructure - 'Analysis and Negotiation of Built Operate and Owner and Built, Operate and Transfer Projects - Alternative Strategies for Infrastructure Development - The American University, Washington, D.C'.

He has presented papers and participated in international events in more than 60 countries around the world and has been awarded the Merit Auditor - Prosecutor N6e Winckler, from the Secretariat of Federal Revenues of Brazil, in November 2002.

Pascal Saint-Amans **Director, OECD Centre for** **Tax Policy and** **Administration**



Pascal Saint-Amans is the Director of the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration at the OECD. Mr Saint-Amans, a French national, joined the OECD in September 2007 where he played a key role in the advancement of the OECD tax transparency agenda in the context of the G20. Prior to his appointment as Director, he was the Head of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes since 2009.

Mr Saint-Amans graduated from the National School of Administration (ENA) in 1996, and was an official in the French Ministry for Finance for nearly a decade.

Rebecca Menelaou
Senior Principal
Assessor, Tax
Department, Cyprus



Rebecca Menelaou holds a BSc, an MBA and is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW)

Ms Menelaou has been working in the Cyprus Tax Department since 1993. She was involved in the harmonization of Cyprus Company law, Partnership Law and the Regulatory framework of the Auditing profession with EU directives. Additionally, she represented Cyprus at the Accounting and Auditing Regulatory Committees of the EU for several years. She is currently in charge of the Returns and Payments Division of the Department which is core to the reduction of the compliance burden of the taxpayer.

**Sharon Kane
Officer (Administration),
Office for the
Commissioner of
Revenue, Malta**



Ms Sharon M. Kane joined the Commissioner for Revenue one year and eight months ago. She took over the GDPR issues as Data Protection Officer and also heads the Media & Communications Unit. She now designs media and information campaigns and liaises with the national Data Protection Commissioner for any data protection issues.

She previously spent twelve years as an Assistant Director in the Permanent Secretary's Office, within the Ministry for Finance, administering procedures such as the transpositions of EU laws into national legislation, liaising with parliament and various ministries. She was also the main Data Protection Officer and participated in several projects in a GDPR advisory capacity. She also liaised with the national office of the Ombudsman, responding to any complaints brought forward on behalf of the Ministry for Finance.

Sudhamo Lal Director General, Mauritius Revenue Authority



Mr Sudhamo Lal is the Director-General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority since 2005. He has several years of successful experience in providing fiscal, strategic and operational leadership in revenue agencies. He has led a complete organisational transformation, with the merging of four revenue departments into an integrated revenue administration. He continually and successfully strived to implement the tax reform program and has instilled a high performance culture at the MRA through a new Human Resources Framework based on performance and efficiency, along with a flattening of the organisational structure.

Prior to working with the MRA, he worked in direct tax administration in Pakistan, progressing from Commissioner of Income Tax and Wealth Tax and Director-General (Withholding taxes), to Member (Tax Policy and Administration).

Mr Lal acted as the President of the Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) from 2009 to 2012, Vice Chairman for the World Customs Organization from 2011 to 2013, Vice Chairman of ATAF from 2016 to 2020. He is presently President of CATA for 2018 - 2021.

In March 2018, Mr Lal was elevated to the rank of Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (CSK) in recognition of his contribution in the administration and collection of taxes.

Suranjali Tandon
Assistant Professor,
National Institute of
Public Finance and Policy
(NIPFP)



Suranjali Tandon is Assistant Professor with National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Delhi. NIPFP is an autonomous think tank of the Ministry of Finance, India.

Over the past 10 years she has worked on several projects sponsored by the Government. She presently leads the Institute's work on international taxation.